

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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MAITHILI ACADEMY
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Maithili Academy has been set up in the country;
- (b) if so, the aims and objectives behind the constitution of Maithili Academy along with the composition of the said academy;
- (c) whether Maithili language is being taught as a subject in all universities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the number of universities where it is not being taught?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) & (b): Maithili is predominantly spoken in Bihar. As per information received from the Government of Bihar, Maithili Academy has been set up in Bihar to develop, nourish, conserve and promote Maithili language and literature and its cultural tradition. There is also a Maithili -Bhojpuri Academy, established by the Government of National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi. The Governing Body of the Maithili-Bhojpuri Academy, Delhi is headed by the Chief Minister and has 23 other eminent persons while the Governing Body of Maithili Academy of Bihar is headed by a Chairman and has 22 other eminent persons.

(c) & (d) : No, Sir. As per the information provided by University Grants Commission (UGC) and the State Government of Bihar, Maithili language is being taught as a subject in L.N.Mithila University, Darbhanga, Patna University, Patna, Tilka Manji Bhagalpur University, Bhagalpur, B.R.A University, Muzaffarpur, Kameshwar Singh Darbhanga Sanskrit University, Darbhanga and B.N.Mandal University, Madhepura,